

Customer No.: 31561  
Application No.: 10/707,084  
Docket No.: 10722-US-PA

### REMARKS

#### Present Status of the Application

In the Office Action, claims 1-5, 10-12, 14-17 and 21 are rejected. Specifically, claims 1-5, 10-12, 14-17 and 21 are rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Onishi (U.S. Application No. 2003/0146444) in view of Mouri (U.S. Patent No. 6,495,852) further in view of Chua et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,455,340) further in view of Parikh et al. (2003/0015708). In addition, claims 6-9, 13 and 18-20 are allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for the allowance of claims 6-9, 13 and 18-20.

#### Response to Claims Rejections under 35 USC §103

Applicant has amended claims 1, 7, 8, 9, 11, 14, 15 and cancelled claims 6, 12, 13 to overcome the rejection. The amended claims 1 and 11 are patentable over prior art because prior fail to establish the nucleation layer and the finger-shaped protrusions.

If independent claims 1 and 11 are allowable over the prior art of record, then its dependent claims 2-5, 7-10 and 14-21 are allowable as a matter of law, because these dependent claims contain all features/elements/steps of its respective independent claims 1 and 11.

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### CONCLUSION

For at least the foregoing reasons, it is believed that all pending claims 1-21 are in proper condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would expedite the examination of the above-identified patent application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

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